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SUBJECT: PHILDEL VIEWS ON LIMA MEETING OF UNIDO

1. IN TALK WITH ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR APR 2, PHILIPPINE SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY PATERNO INDICATED THAT LIMA MEETING WAS CONSIDERED VERY IMPORTANT FROM GOP VIEWPOINT, BUT IT LEFT MUCH TO BE DESIRED IN EXTENT TO WHICH RESULTS REFLECTED INTERESTS OR PROBLEMS OF COUNTRIES IN CATEGORY OF THE PHILIPPINES. PATERNO, WHO LED PHILIPPINE DELEGATION TO MEETING, SAID THAT VOTE BY CONSENSUS, COMBINED WITH THE OUTDATED (HE SAID EARLY 50'S) PREOCCUPATIONS OF THE NEWER AFRICAN COUNTRIES, REDUCED RESULTS TO SUCH A LOW COMMON DENOMINATOR THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO INTRODUCE EITHER MUCH SOPHISTICATION OR DIFFERENTIATION IN TREATMENT OF ISSUES TO REFLECT WIDELY DIFFERING COUNTRY PROBLEMS.

2. PATERNO MADE TWO SUGGESTIONS FOR ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE THE LOW LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE AND YIELD FROM SUCH MEETINGS. FIRST, HE FELT THE GROUP OF 77 SHOULD MEET MORE OFTEN TO PROVIDE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR WEAKER COUNTRIES TO BECOME BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN MORE ADVANCED COUNTRIES OF THE GROUP. THIS EDUCATIVE PRECESS WOULD HELP, HE BELIEVED, TO SOFTEN SOME OF THE MORE IRRITATING

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PROPOSALS EMERGING FROM THE GROUP AND REDUCE THE POSSIBLE

AREAS OF CONFRONTATION WITH THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.
SECOND, PATERNO PROPOSED THAT THE PHILIPPINES AND OTHER
COUNTRIES SIMILARLY EQUIPPED SHOULD PROVIDE AND/OR SUPPORT
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO WEAKER AND NEWER MEMBERS
OF GROUP. HE MADE SPECIFIC POINT OF SUGGESTING THAT PHILIP-
PINES COULD OFFER TA TO PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

3. ON ISSUE OF ELEVATING UNIDO TO STATUS OF UN SPECIALIZED
AGENCY, PATERNO SHOWED SOME EMBARRASSMENT AT STRONG EXCEPTION
A MEMBER OF HIS DEL HAD TAKEN TO SOVIET OPPOSITION (FOR
WHICH PRC DEL CONGRATULATED HIMLN BUT BURDEN OF PATERNO
COMMENT WAS THAT GOP FULLY SUPPORTS UPGRADING UNIDO AT THIS
TIME.

4. COMMENT. IT WAS EVIDENT FROM TONE OF PATERNO'S REMARKS
THAT HE DOES NOT SHARE THE SENTIMENT OF THIRD WORLD COURTING
OVERTURES REPORTED REFTEL. HE STOPPED SHORT, HOWEVER, OF
SUGGESTING THAT COUNTRIES SUCH AS PHILIPPINES MIGHT FIND
CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP IN GROUP OF 77 LESS THAN
SERVICEABLE TO THEIR INTERESTS.
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